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FM AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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SUBJ: INITIAL SOVIET PRESS TREATMENT OF AMBASSADOR

DUBS' DEATH

1. (U) SOVIET CENTRAL PRESS REPORTAGE OF AMBASSADOR
DUBS' DEATH HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO REPRINTING OF
AFGHAN NEWS AGENCY'S FEBRUARY 14 NEWS RELEASE
EXPRESSING DRA CONDOLENCES AND DESCRIBING INCIDENT
AS PERPETRATED BY ENEMIES OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE AND
OPPONENTS OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF
AFGHANISTAN AND THE UNITED STATES.

2. (U) SOVIET ENGLISH LANGUAGE TASS SERVICE
FEBRUARY 15 RAN BRIEF THREE-SENTENCE COMMENTARY BY
TASS COMMENTATOR K. IVANOV CHARGING THAT:

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-- REPORTS APPEARING IN THE AMERICAN PRESS
"PRESENT IN A DISTORTED LIGHT THE CIRCUMSTANCES
OF THE DEATH OF THE US AMBASSADOR IN KABUL, ADOLPH
DUBS. BEING CIRCULATED IS AN ABSURD STORY ABOUT
THE INVOLVEMENT IN THIS OF PERSONS WHO IN REALITY
HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THIS DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY."

-- "JUDGING BY EVERYTHING", SUCH REPORTS
"WERE NEEDED TO DIVERT ATTENTION FROM THOSE REALLY
GUILTY OF THE PROVOCATIVE ACT ... THAT WAS
SANCTIONED AND CARRIED OUT BY THE ENEMIES OF DEMOCRATIC
AFGHANISTAN." TOON
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